

Kidsnetupdate



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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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Immunization Updates

Please see enclosed Immunization Update regarding KINRIX and ROTARIX and New School Requirements.

Vaccine Updates

Hib vaccine continues to be in short supply and the CDC still requires that providers defer the booster dose (12-15 months).

Influenza vaccine is still available if needed. Currently the state still has an inventory of Fluzone Preservative Free pre-filled syringes for the 6-35 month old and Fluzone multi-dose vials for the 3-18 year old. Flumist is no longer available for this flu season.

Hep B vaccine from GSK and Merck is currently experiencing back-orders. CDC has been in discussions with both vaccine manufacturers about the US supply of pediatric hepatitis B vaccine. Based on these discussions, CDC has released monovalent Hepatitis B vaccine doses from its pediatric vaccines stockpiles (which contain both Engerix and Recombivax). These doses are being made available to the respective manufacturers to fill their public and private sector orders through March.

Beyond March: Merck has communicated to CDC that its supply of the pediatric/adolescent formulation of Recombivax is expected to be limited throughout the remainder of 2009, and Merck does not expect to return to full supply until some time in 2010. However, Merck may be able to make some additional doses of the pediatric/adolescent formulation of Recombivax available for distribution during the second quarter 2009. Merck will communicate to customers and public health authorities as additional information becomes available. GSK expects to be able to meet the US market demand through the end of May in the form of monovalent Hepatitis B vaccine, and is working closely with CDC to determine how much additional Hepatitis B product can be supplied for the US market, should the shortage persist. GSK also produces the hepatitis-B containing combination vaccine Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-HepB) which is in good supply. DTaP vaccine is currently experiencing back-orders as well, however this is not due to supply. GSK, the manufacturer of Infanrix, is in the process of transitioning one formulation of preservative containing DTaP over to their new preservative free formulation. It is anticipated that this transition may affect delivery for a couple of weeks. GSK and CDC are anticipating delivery of the new formulation by early to mid March.

Rotavirus vaccine will begin to transition from Merck's 3-dose Rotateq vaccine to GSK's 2-dose Rotarix vaccine effective April 1, 2009. Practice's will be required to submit an estimate of how many doses will be needed to complete the Rotateq series for any children who have started the series prior to April 1. This quantity will be filled over the months of April and May for use in those children to complete their series. Any child starting a series in April will be required to receive Rotarix.

DTaP/IPV combination vaccine Kinrix (manufactured by GSK) will also be made available for order with practice's April order. Kinrix is to be used for the 4-6 year visits in order to meet the DTaP/IPV recommended immunizations. IPV single antigen vaccine will continue to be available in limited quantity for children who have a medical contraindication to the pertussis vaccine in Kinrix.

Visit our NEW web site at www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet

Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434 with any questions or suggestions

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) April 25 - May 2, 2009

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities. Please let us know if your practice will be planning an activity to celebrate NIIW.

WIC data is back!

After a long period of time with only limited WIC data appearing in KIDSNET, the WIC data is back! Check out the WIC page for risk factors, heights, weights, hematocrit, visit dates and more.

Immunization Report

In February 2009, the following 12 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Bayside Family Healthcare, PRIMA, Dr. Chad Nevola, Northstar Pedi Primary Care, Mineral Spring Pediatrics, Dr. Polly Leonard, Northwest Health Center, Family Health Services - Cranston, Fatima Health Center, Dr. Richard Ohnmacht, Chaffee Health Center and Warren Family Practice.**

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In February 2009, the following 19 pediatric practices used this report: **Associates in Primary Care Medicine, Blackstone Valley Community Health Centers - Central Falls and Pawtucket, Cumberland Pediatrics, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Everett Wilcox Center, Family Treatment Center, Family Health Services - Cranston, Concannon & Vitale, Northwest Health Center, PRIMA, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Thundermist Health Centers of South County, West Warwick and Woonsocket, University Family Medicine Foundation, Foster University Medical Foundation, We Luv Kids, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1-800-942-7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!